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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ: HADITHA KILLINGS; SAO PAULO

"Massacre in Iraq"

Liberal, largest national circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo editorialized (6/5): "News that 24 civilian Iraqis were victims of summary execution in Haditha in November has shocked the public opinion the same way the disclosure of scenes of mistreatment in Abu Ghraib did. On the same day of the massacre, it was reported that the accidental explosion of a bomb, left by insurgents, had caused most of the deaths. A military investigation, however, uncovered a different story. There was a bomb, and it killed an American soldier. Neighboring houses were then invaded by other soldiers.... It became clear that unarmed people were hit by shots on the head and in the chest. The military responsible for removing the bodies attempted to hide all traces of this event. There were women and children among the victims."
McMullen